

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows. This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Previously Presented) A guide assembly comprising:  
a compensating element;  
at least one pair of guide rails, each of the guide rails being mountable on a respective sidewall of a cold goods container of a cooling apparatus and the pair of guide rails being operable to guide a pullout shelf of a cold goods container such that the pullout shelf is configured to be guided by the pair of guide rails at least partway out of the cold goods container through an open front side of the cold goods container; and  
said compensating element being configured to mount at least one guide rail of each of said pair of guide rails at one of the sidewalls at an acute angle to the sidewall, said angle being defined to extend said rails of said pair of guide rails parallel to one another.
2. (Original) The guide assembly according to claim 1, wherein:  
said compensating element is a plurality of compensating elements;  
each of said guide rails has one of said compensating elements; and  
said compensating elements of said guide rails of said pair of guide rails are mirror-symmetrical.
3. (Canceled)
4. (Original) The guide assembly according to claim 1, wherein said compensating element is formed at said guide rail in one piece.

5. (Original) The guide assembly according to claim 1, wherein said compensating element is integral with said guide rail.
6. (Original) The guide assembly according to claim 1, wherein said compensating element is wedge shaped and extends substantially over an entire length of said guide rail.
7. (Withdrawn) The guide assembly according to claim 1, wherein:  
said guide rail has an end facing the front side; and  
said compensating element is a local projection of said guide rail in a region of said end.
8. (Withdrawn) The guide assembly according to claim 4, wherein:  
said guide rail has an end facing the front side; and  
said compensating element is a local projection of said guide rail in a region of said end.
9. (Withdrawn) The guide assembly according to claim 5, wherein:  
said guide rail has an end facing the front side; and  
said compensating element is a local projection of said guide rail in a region of said end.
10. (Original) The guide assembly according to claim 1, wherein:  
said guide rail has a C-shaped cross-section with a top leg, a bottom leg, and a center piece joining said top and bottom legs; and  
said compensating element is formed in said center piece.
11. (Original) The guide assembly according to claim 4, wherein:  
said guide rail has a C-shaped cross-section with a top leg, a bottom leg, and a center piece joining said top and bottom legs; and  
said compensating element is formed in said center piece.

12. (Original) The guide assembly according to claim 5, wherein:  
said guide rail has a C-shaped cross-section with a top leg, a bottom leg, and a center piece joining said top and bottom legs; and  
said compensating element is formed in said center piece.
13. (Previously Presented) The guide assembly according to claim 1, wherein:  
said compensating element has a contact surface; and  
said guide rail carries, on said contact surface of said compensating element, at least one hook.
14. (Previously Presented) The guide assembly according to claim 1, wherein said guide rail has at least one.
15. (Canceled)
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18. (Canceled)
19. (Original) A cooling apparatus, comprising:  
at least one cold goods container having:  
an open front side;  
at least one pullout shelf;  
sidewalls diverging in a direction of said front side; and

a guide assembly having:

a compensating element;

at least one pair of guide rails guiding said pullout shelf at least partway out of said cold goods container through said front side; and

said compensating element mounting at least one guide rail of each of said pair of guide rails at one of said sidewalls at an acute angle to said sidewall, said angle being defined to extend said rails of said pair of guide rails parallel to one another.

20. (Previously Presented) The guide assembly according to claim 1 and further comprising a C-shaped cross-section with a top leg, a bottom leg, and a center piece joining said top and bottom legs, said compensating element being formed at said center piece.
21. (Previously Presented) The guide assembly according to claim 2 and further comprising at least one hook protruding through an opening of a sidewall of a cold goods container for a cooling apparatus.